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**DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FIRST PART OF THE
THIRTY-SEVENTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE BOARD
AND ORGANIZATION OF THE WORK OF THE SESSION**

Note by the UNCTAD secretariat

1. In pursuance of rule 8 of the rules of procedure of the Board, a draft provisional agenda for the first part of the thirty-seventh regular session is submitted herewith.
2. The Board may wish to authorize the Secretary-General of UNCTAD, in consultation with the President, to adjust and complete the draft provisional agenda in the light of developments. This arrangement would be on the understanding that any amendments or additions would be subject to consultation with the representatives of regional groups within the framework of the consultative machinery established by Board decision 143 (XVI) and Board resolution 231 (XXII).
3. The secretariat's annotations to the provisional agenda, to be issued eight weeks in advance of the session, will indicate the specific matters on which the Board will be required to take action.
4. The Board may wish, as in the past, to request the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to consult delegations regarding the organization of the work of the session and to circulate his suggestions thereon.

Annex

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1. Procedural matters:
 - (a) Election of officers;
 - (b) Adoption of the agenda and organization of the work of the session;
 - (c) Adoption of the report on credentials;
 - (d) Provisional agenda for the second part of the thirty-seventh regular session of the Board
2. Follow-up and review of the implementation of the Final Act of UNCTAD VII in accordance with Board decision 350 (XXXIV):
 - Stocktaking of the implementation of the Final Act of UNCTAD VII in preparation for UNCTAD VIII
3. Interdependence of problems of trade, development finance and the international monetary system^{2/}
4. Debt and development problems of developing countries
 - including discussion called for in paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution 44/232 of 22 December 1989 on trends in the transfer of resources to and from the developing countries and their impact on the economic growth and sustained development of those countries
5. Arrangements and preparations for the eighth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
6. United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986 - 1990: initiation of preparations for UNCTAD's intergovernmental input into the final assessment by the General Assembly in 1991
7. Assistance to the Palestinian people (Conference resolutions 146 (VI) of 2 July 1983 and 169 (VII) of 3 August 1987)

^{1/} The inclusion of an item on UNCTAD's contribution to the preparations for the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade will depend on the outcome of consultations of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD in accordance with Board decision 373 (XXXVI).

^{2/} Pursuant to paragraphs 7 and 8 of General Assembly resolution 44/219 and paragraphs 105 (7) and (8) of the Final Act of UNCTAD VII, and in line with the consensus recorded at the 730th plenary meeting of the Board (second part of the thirty-fourth session), the formulation relating to developments and issues in the Uruguay Round of particular interest to developing countries is expected to be determined in the light of the relevant decision of the Board at its current session.

8. Other matters in the field of trade and development:

- (a) UNCTAD's contribution, within its mandate, to sustainable development (Board decision 370 (XXXV));
- (b) Economic co-operation among developing countries:
 - (i) Analyses and proposals for the facilitation of trade expansion among developing countries (paragraph 4 (f) of resolution 4 (V) of the Committee on Economic Co-operation among Developing Countries
 - (ii) Problems of trade financing in developing countries (paragraph 4 (c) (iii) of resolution 4 (V) of the Committee on Economic Co-operation among Developing Countries;
- (c) Export promotion: report of the Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT on its twenty-third session;
- (d) Progressive development of the law of international trade: twenty-third annual report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law

[to be completed in the light of developments]

9. Other matters requiring action by the Board arising from or related to reports and activities of its subsidiary and other bodies

[to be completed in the light of developments]

10. Institutional, organizational, administrative and related matters:

- (a) Treatment of new States members of UNCTAD for purposes of elections;
- (b) Announcement of any changes in the membership of the Board and election to membership of main Committees;
- (c) Membership of the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget for 1991;
- (d) Designation of intergovernmental bodies for the purposes of rule 76 of the rules of procedure of the Board;
- (e) Designation and classification of non-governmental organizations for the purposes of rule 77 of the rules of procedure;
- (f) Review of the calendar of meetings;
- (g) Administrative and financial implications of the actions of the Board

[to be completed in the light of developments]

11. Other business

12. Adoption of the report of the Board.



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Corrigendum

Annex

Footnote 2

Replace by the following

- 2/ Pursuant to paragraphs 7 and 8 of General Assembly resolution 44/219 and paragraphs 105 (7) and (8) of the Final Act of UNCTAD VII, and in line with the consensus recorded at the 730th plenary meeting of the Board (second part of the thirty-fourth session), it has been agreed that, in the consideration of item 3 in its entirety, delegations will be free to refer to developments and issues in the Uruguay Round of particular interest to developing countries. It has also been agreed that an informal exchange on this matter will be organized to which the Director-General of GATT will be invited.



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SERVICES WITHIN THE MANDATE OF UNCTAD AS DEFINED IN THE FINAL ACT

PROTECTIONISM AND STRUCTURAL ADJUSTMENT AND, IN CONJUNCTION
THEREWITH, DEVELOPMENTS AND ISSUES IN THE URUGUAY ROUND
OF PARTICULAR CONCERN TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, IN
ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 105 (8) OF THE FINAL ACT

THE IMPACT OF TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE ON PATTERNS OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE

THE IMPLICATIONS OF BILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS AND REGIONAL ECONOMIC
INTEGRATION, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHICH HAVE MAJOR IMPACT ON GLOBAL TRADE,
IN PARTICULAR ON THE TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Draft resolution submitted by the President

The Trade and Development Board,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX) of 30 December 1964,
the Final Act of UNCTAD VII and Board decision 367 (XXXV) of 17 March 1989,

1. Urges Governments to fulfil commitments to halt and reverse
protectionism as agreed in the Final Act of UNCTAD VII taking in particular
into account the export interests of developing countries and reiterates the
need to take expeditious and concrete structural adjustment actions
favourable, in particular, to the widening of markets for products in which
the developing countries have or may develop comparative advantage;

2. Recognizes the contribution made by UNCTAD to a better
understanding of the problematics of trade in services from the point of view
of developing countries and in the context of overall development objectives
and:

- (a) Requests the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to continue, taking into account national case studies, specific studies on sectors of priority interest to developing countries particularly with a view to building and improving infrastructure and capabilities with the objective of developing efficient and competitive industries in these countries and thereby strengthening their export potential;
- (b) Takes note of the high appreciation which the recipient countries expressed for technical co-operation activities of UNCTAD in the area of services in support of developing countries;

3. Reiterates paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 44/219 of 22 December 1989 and agrees on the need to ensure that bilateral arrangements and regional economic integration, especially those which have a major impact on global trade, in particular on the trade and development of developing countries, impart dynamism to global trade and enhance trade and development possibilities for the developing countries and calls on member States involved to continue to promote necessary policies and adopt appropriate measures in this regard;

4. Urges Governments to take measures to assist technologically weak countries, especially developing countries, to fully participate in technology-led growth in international trade in terms of product innovation, export supply and market penetration capabilities and affirms the need for pursuing policies in the areas of technology which further the goal of trade expansion for the benefit of all trading partners, particularly developing countries, and which promote investment, innovation, absorption, utilization and development of technological and entrepreneurial capabilities;

5. Urges participants in the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations to strive for a balanced and successful outcome of the Uruguay Round which would result in the liberalization and expansion of world trade to the benefit of all countries, especially developing countries, through adequate attention being given to all areas including, in particular, those of special interest to the trade and development of developing countries;

6. Notes that recipient countries recognize the usefulness and the importance of the UNCTAD/UNDP technical co-operation programme in assisting developing countries in their participation in the Uruguay Round.



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ARRANGEMENTS AND PREPARATIONS FOR THE EIGHTH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT

Draft decision submitted by the President

The Trade and Development Board,

Recalling its decision 377 (XXXVI) of 13 October 1989, relating to the arrangements and preparations for the eighth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, and General Assembly resolution 44/219 of 22 December 1989,

Taking note of the reports of the President of the Board and of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD on their consultations under Board decision 377 (XXXVI),

Taking note also of the statements made in the plenary of the Board under this item,

1. Decides in principle to recommend to the General Assembly that the eighth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development be convened during the month of June 1991, subject to confirmation by the Board at the first part of its thirty-seventh session;
2. Requests the President of the Board to continue his consultations with regard to the venue in Latin America of the Conference, so that a final decision may be taken not later than at the first part of the thirty-seventh session;
3. Requests the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to continue his consultations with regard to the provisional agenda of UNCTAD VIII, with a view to finalizing it as soon as possible, and to present it for formal adoption by the Board at the first part of its thirty-seventh session.